

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejections

Rejection over Rothe et al. and Goulet et al.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-20, 22 and 35-47 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10-12 of Goulet et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020) in view of Rothe et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,738,847).

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-20, 22 and 35-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is obviated by the filing of an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.130(b), a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(c) with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020 is filed herewith. The present application and U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020 are commonly owned by Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection over Rothe et al., Goulet et al. and Roe et al.

Claim 4 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10-12 of Goulet et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020) in view of Rothe et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,738,847) and further in view of Roe et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,635,191).

The rejection of claim 4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is obviated by the filing of an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.130(b), a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(c) with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020 is filed herewith. The present application and U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,020 are commonly owned by Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, all of the grounds raised in the outstanding Office Action for rejecting the application are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested in due course. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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